



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5486

LCO No. 1079

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CASH RAFFLE PRIZES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) Any sponsoring
2 organization with a "Class No. 1", "Class No. 2", or "Class No. 4" permit
3 that is qualified to conduct a raffle under section 7-172 of the general
4 statutes or section 7-185a of the 2006 supplement to the general
5 statutes may conduct a frog-race, duck-race or traditional raffle and
6 may award cash prizes to participants in such a raffle in addition to
7 those prizes authorized under section 7-177 of the general statutes, as
8 amended by this act. Such raffle shall conform to the requirements of
9 sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, of the general statutes. Each
10 organization conducting a raffle described in this section shall deposit
11 all proceeds from such raffle in a special checking account established
12 and maintained by the organization which shall be subject to audit by
13 the Division of Special Revenue. Any expense incidental to the conduct
14 of such raffle shall be paid from the gross receipts of raffle tickets and
15 only by checks drawn from such checking account. All cash prizes
16 awarded shall be paid from such checking account.

17 Sec. 2. Section 7-177 of the general statutes is repealed and the

18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

19 All prizes given at any bazaar or raffle shall be merchandise,
 20 tangible personal property or a ticket, coupon or gift certificate, [which
 21 shall not be refundable or transferable,] entitling the winner to
 22 merchandise, tangible personal property, services, transportation on a
 23 common carrier by land, water or air and to any tour facilities
 24 provided in connection therewith, or to participation in a lottery
 25 conducted under chapter 226. [Cash] Such ticket, coupon or gift
 26 certificate shall not be refundable or transferable. No cash prizes or
 27 prizes consisting of alcoholic liquor shall [not] be given, [nor shall any
 28 prize] except as provided in section 1 of this act, and no prize shall be
 29 redeemed or redeemable for cash, except tickets for a lottery
 30 conducted under chapter 226. For the purposes of this section, coins
 31 whose trading value exceeds their face value and coins not commonly
 32 in circulation shall not be deemed a cash prize.

33 Sec. 3. Section 7-185 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 34 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

35 The executive director of the Division of Special Revenue, with the
 36 advice and consent of the Gaming Policy Board, shall adopt, in
 37 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, such regulations as are
 38 necessary [effectively to carry out] to effectuate the provisions of
 39 sections 7-170 to 7-186, inclusive, and section 1 of this act in order to
 40 prevent fraud and protect the public, which regulations shall have the
 41 effect of law.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	7-177
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	7-185

Statement of Purpose:

To allow low stake cash prizes for organizations conducting duck-race, frog-race or traditional raffles pursuant to a "Class No. 1", "Class No. 2" or "Class No. 4" permit.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]